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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN PEKING/TIENTSIN REGION JULY 28: STATUS
REPORT

REF: USLO/EA/PRCM TELCONS JULY 28

1. STATUS REPORT AS OF 1100 HOURS PEKING LOCAL TIME JULY 28:
SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN PEKING AT APPROX 0347 HOURS
JULY 28, LASTING ABOUT ONE MINUTE TEN SECONDS. AFTERSHOCKS
OF MINOR SEVERITY AND DURATION CONTINUING. MFA HAS INFORMED
USLO THAT EPICENTER WAS 150 KM (96 MILES)
SOUTHEAST OF PEKING, THAT EARTHQUAKE WAS OF "ABRUPT ERUPTION"
TYPE; AND THAT IT MEASURED 7.3 ON RICHTER SCALE.

2. ALL USLO AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE IN GOOD HEALTH WITH NO
INJURIES. VISITING CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DELEGATION IS ALSO
SAFE AND SOUND. THEY AND OTHERS WERE EVACUATED FROM PEKING HOTEL
ABOUT 4:00 AM THIS MORNING BUT RETURNED AFTER 7:00 AM.

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KELLOGG'S PEKING OFFICE HAS SO FAR RECEIVED

NO REPORT OF INJURIES TO SITE PERSONNEL AT TSANGCHOU, HOPEH PROVINCE, AND PANCHIN, LIAONING PROVINCE, TWO SITES CLOSEST TO EPICENTER. AFTER CONFIRMATION FROM SITES, KELLOGG WILL DIRECTLY ASK HOUSTON OFFICE TO NOTIFY U.S. RELATIVES THAT ITS PERSONNEL HERE SAFE.

3. USLO OFFICE HAS SUFFERED NO NOTICEABLE DAMAGE. SOME OF DIPLOMATIC APARTMENT BUILDINGS HAVE CRACKS AND BROKEN WINDOWS. DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU HAS ASKED MISSIONS TO EVACUATE DIPLOMATS RESIDING ON FIFTH FLOOR OR ABOVE IN DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS, AND USLO IS ARRANGING TEMPORARY LODGING FOR AFFECTED PERSONNEL.

4. FURTHER REPORT ON EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN PEKING CITY WILL FOLLOW.

5. USLO IS SENDING LIST OF RELATIVES OF OUR PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CALLING THEM.

6. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DEL REQUESTS THAT THEIR OFFICES NOTIFY THEIR RELATIVES THAT ALL ARE WELL.
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